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SUBJECT: ICAO COUNCIL MEETING

REF STATE 18032; 18033; 22355; 27906

1. POL/ECON COUNSELOR CALLED ON AMB ADEL FADEL, NEWLY ASSIGNED HEAD OF DEPT OF INT'L ORG AFF, MFA ON FEB 8 TO DISCUSS UPCOMING ICAO COUNCIL MEETING AND STEPS WHICH COULD BE TAKEN WITHIN ICAO TO STRENGTHEN MEASURES FOR COUNTERING UNLAWFUL INTERFERENCE WITH INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION. USING ORLY AIRPORT INCIDENT AS EXAMPLE (SINCE PRESIDENT SADAT HAS SPOKEN OUT SO FORCEFULLY ON THIS AFFAIR), COUNSELOR URGED GREATER EGYPTIAN COOPERATION WITH U.S. IN ICAO TO COUNTER FUTURE INCIDENTS.

2. INFORMED FADEL OF PROPOSED US INITIATIVES TO UPGRADE ANNEXES

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TO CHICAGO CONVENTION, AS WELL AS OUR PLANS TO IDENTIFY FOR ICAO

POSSIBLE NEW STANDARDS OR RECOMMENDED PRACTICES COVERING
TRAINING OF SECURITY PERSONNEL, AERODROME CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS,
CONTROL OF COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT AND SCREENING OF PASSENGERS AND
BAGGAGE ON INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS.

3. COUNSELOR URGED FADEL TO ENCOURAGE GOE TO REVIEW CHICAGO
CONVENTION WITH VIEW TO SUBMITTING ITS OWN SUGGESTIONS REGARDING
STRENGTHENING OF EXISTING MEASURES TO COUNTER UNLAWFUL INTERFERENCE.
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4. FADEL SAID HE SAW VALUE IN GREATER COOPERATION BETWEEN
EGYPTIANS AND US REP AT COUNCIL MEETING. HE INDICATED HE
WOULD INFORM APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES IN OTHER AREAS OF EGYPTIAN
GOVERNMENT (CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY) CONCERNING MATTER OF
STRENGTHENING SAFEGUARDS AGAINST UNLAWFUL INTERFERENCE, WITH A
VIEW TO SUPPORTING US INITIATIVES, IF POSSIBLE. HE WOULD ALSO
SUGGEST THAT CHICAGO CONVENTION BE REVIEWED IN LIGHT OF RECENT
DEVELOPMENTS. EILTS UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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